

RULE 63 (37 C.F.R. 1.63)

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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Artificial Christmas Tree, the specification of which (check applicable box(es):

[] is attached hereto;

[X] was filed on _____ as U.S. Application Serial No. / [] was filed as PCT International application No. PCT/_____/ on _____ and (if applicable to U.S. or PCT application) was amended on _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a). I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed or, if no priority is claimed before the filing date of this application:

Prior Foreign Application(s):

Application Number

Country

Day/Month/Year Filed

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120/366 of all prior United States and PCT International applications listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in such prior application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior applications and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

Prior U.S./PCT Application(s):

Application Serial No.

Day/Month/Year Filed

Status: patented, pending, abandoned

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon. And I hereby appoint the Attorneys and Patent Agents of **Coats & Bennett, P.L.L.C.**, as identified by Customer Number 24112 in the records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and as updated from time to time, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith (all communications should be directed to **Larry L. Coats**).

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